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A.—(*a*) The Government have no information other than that conveyed in a letter from the hon. Member containing a statement to this effect.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Board of Revenue has been asked to report what action has been taken in regard to the disposal of the lands. The suggestions of the hon. Member will be considered on receipt of the Board's report.

(*d*) The memorial referred to has been received. The suggestion of the hon. Member will be considered on receipt of the Board's report.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I know from the hon. the Revenue Member whether proselytisation work is going on in the North Arcot district and whether the Collector is attempting to dispose of a large extent of land only to those who are likely to get converts to Christianity ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I cannot answer that question without verifying the facts on the point."

Poramboke lands transferred to ayan in North Arcot district.

*205 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased—

(*a*) to lay on the table a statement showing the extent of tank-bed, grazing ground, poramboke and other communal lands transferred to ayan and assigned either to members of the depressed classes or ex-military men in the past five years in the North Arcot district ; and

(*b*) to state whether the Government will be pleased to direct the Collector of North Arcot to examine the cases of transfer to ayan and cancel them wherever objectionable ?

A.—(*a*) There is no existing return which shows the particulars desired. They would have to be specially compiled ; and Government are not aware of any reason why such compilation should be undertaken.

(*b*) Transfers of poramboke land to ayan are sanctioned by the Collector. The Government have no reason to think that such transfers have been effected without adequate grounds and therefore are unable to issue the instructions suggested.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. Revenue Member whether in view of the fact that the present Collector of North Arcot has assigned a large extent of grazing porambokes and other lands to depressed classes men and ex-military men, and to the 'flock' of one Reverend Paul, and that it has caused tangible inconvenience to the caste ryots of the locality, he will be pleased to call for an exhaustive report ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" I have already answered that question."

Assignment of lands in Settigunta village in Rajampet taluk.

*206 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have granted the assignment of a large extent of land to Messrs. Best & Co. in Settigunta village of Rajampet taluk, Cuddapah district ;